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PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.

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SUMMARY -

COUNCIL INFORMED ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT U.S. OBSERVER TO
PARIS MEETING ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS WILL BE RONALD
BETTAUER. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, FOLLOWING PATTERN
OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WILL GENERALLY BE OFFICIALS FROM
UPPER-LEVELS OF LEGAL DEPARTMENTS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MINISTRIES. ACCORDING TO COUNCIL LEGAL DIVISION OFFICIAL,
DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON ILC
DRAFT CONVENTION WITH MAJOR ATTENTION GIVEN TO ARTICLES
1, 2, 5, 6, AND 7. TERRORISM IS UNLIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED
DUE TO CONTINUED FRENCH OPPOSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. COUNCIL WAS INFORMED ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT U.S. INTENDS
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TO SEND OBSERVER TO FIFTH MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND THAT HE WILL BE RONALD BETTAUER. LEGAL DIVISION OFFICIAL AT COUNCIL TO WHOM THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOST COUNTRIES WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO U.S. PARTICIPATION AND ALL EXPECTED IT. PLACE AND TIME OF OPENING MEETING CITED IN JULY 13 LETTER OF INVITATION TO SECRETARY ROGERS (1000 HRS AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE, 55 AVENUE KLEBER, PARIS 16E) IS CONFIRMED.

2. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW PATTERN ESTABLISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE. MOST ARE UPPER-LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENTS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FAMILIAR NAMES INCLUDE DR. C.H. BUTOW (FRG), AMB. M.A. MARESCA (ITALY), C.W. VAN SANTEN (NETHERLANDS), F. PERSSON (SWEDEN), AND J.P. RITTER (SWITZERLAND). MADAME D HAUSSEY WILL REPRESENT FRANCE AND MALTA, FINLAND AND CANADA HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES. SPAIN AND THE WEU, THE LATTER BECAUSE OF ITS CONCERN WITH TERRORISM, HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED. DENMARK WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING.

3. ACCORDING TO THE LEGAL DIVISION OFFICIAL, THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL AGENDA. DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION'S DRAFT CONVENTION AND WILL ENTAIL AN ARTICLE BY ARTICLE REVIEW. MAJOR ATTENTION IS EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN TO ARTICLE 1, INVOLVING THE CIRCLE OF PERSONS TO BE PROTECTED, ARTICLE 2, INVOLVING THE QUESTION OF DEFINING A CATEGORY OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMES OR RELYING ON NATIONAL DEFINITIONS, ARTICLES 5 AND 6, INVOLVING THE PROBLEM OF DEVISING A TEXT BROAD ENOUGH TO GIVE STATES SUFFICIENT LATITUDE TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC ACTS, AND ARTICLE 7, INVOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ESTABLISHING A CRITERIA FOR EXTRADITION.

4. REGARDING THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF TERRORISM AS AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE REFERENCE IN THE JULY 13 LETTER OF INVITATION WAS AN EFFORT TO RESPOND TO GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN, THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO TERRORISM AT THE LATEST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, AND PRESSURE FROM THE COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE LATTER HAD ORIGINALLY SOUGHT TO ARRIVE AT UNCLASSIFIED

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A SOLUTION TO THE TERRORIST PROBLEM ON THE EUROPEAN LEVEL, BUT IT WAS SOON RECOGNIZED THAT ANY SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNIVERSAL. THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS HAS THEREFORE AGREED THAT THE SUBJECT OF TERRORISM COULD BE DISCUSSED ALONG WITH THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS, A SUBJECT HAVING UNIVERSAL APPLICATION, IN PREPARATION FOR THE 28TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. FRANCE, HOWEVER, HAS FORMALLY OPPOSED EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM AND, ACCORDING TO THE

OFFICIAL, WILL AGAIN OPPOSE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION AT THE
SEPTEMBER 17-18 MEETING . THE MEETING MIGHT THUS DECIDE NOT
TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME, CONSIDERING ONLY THE
ILC DRAFT CONVENTION.
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